

March 1, 2016

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 - 12:00 noon  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries also are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. A working lunch will be provided.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those who purchased a transit ticket to attend the meeting, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
March 9, 2016**

**COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (\*).

3. Information.

4. Information.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**MINUTES**

\*5A. Approval of the February 10, 2016, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the February 10, 2016, meeting minutes.

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

\*5B. Amendment to the On-Call Contract for Bottleneck Data Collection, Model Validation and Improvement

The fiscal year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, includes on-call consulting services for Bottleneck Data Collection, Model Validation and Improvement. In order to use the data collected in this On-Call for the development, calibration and validation of the sub-area corridor micro-simulation model for the I-17 corridor near-term improvement analysis, an amendment to the On-Call scope, budget, and schedule is required. The amendment will include additional tasks designed to develop, calibrate and validate MAG micro-simulation models and perform relevant data analyses. The additional funds needed for these applications of the bottleneck data and completion of the I-17 sub-area corridor micro-simulation model are \$85,000. A six-month schedule extension is required in order to complete the additional scope of work. (from the current contract expiration date of May 1, 2016 to the new contract expiration date of November 1, 2016). Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5C. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Fiscal Year 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as Appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan were approved by the MAG Regional Council on February 24, 2016. The FY 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program was last modified on October 28, 2015. Since then, additional project changes and additions have been requested by member agencies. Changes to the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) within the current TIP window are included in Table A. Changes to the ALCP outside the current TIP

5B. Recommend approval of the amendment to the On-Call Contract for Bottleneck Data Collection, Model Validation and Improvement to include an addition to the scope of work, to increase the On-Call budget by \$85,000, and to extend the On-Call schedule by six months.

5C. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Fiscal Year 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

window are included in Table B. General highway project changes are included in Table C, and Federal Highway Administration sub-allocated funding for the second request of closeout are included in Table D and are addressed under a separate agenda item. Projects in Table E are contingent on a new finding of conformity in the Pinal County portion of the MAG planning region. A new finding of conformity for these projects is addressed under a separate agenda item. On February 25, 2016, the Transportation Review Committee recommended the project changes for approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Closeout Programming - Round Two - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

At the January 28, 2016, MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) meeting, FY 2016 Closeout programming was initiated for Federal Highway Administration sub-allocated funding, which includes funds from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP-MAG), Surface Transportation Program (STP-MAG), and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-MAG). It was determined that the MAG region is estimated to have federal funding available for the second round of Closeout programming for FY 2016 design work phase priorities for federally funded construction projects that are scheduled in FY 2018. The types of projects include Bicycle/Pedestrian, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Paving of Unpaved Roads, Highway Safety, and Pinal County Arterial projects. The process is guided by the Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures that were approved by the MAG Regional Council in June 2015. On February 25, 2016, the MAG TRC recommended approval of the priority listing for round two closeout projects and of the necessary amendments and administrative modifications. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Recommend approval of the priority listing for round two closeout projects and of the necessary amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS

\*5E. New Finding of Conformity for the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, As Amended

On January 29, 2014, the MAG Regional Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. Since that time, an amendment to the TIP and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan is required for new projects to be implemented in Pinal County. The project modifications impact the modeling assumptions used in the most recent conformity analysis and a new regional emissions analysis for the Pinal County PM-10 and PM-2.5 nonattainment areas was conducted. The results of the regional emissions analysis for the amendment meet the transportation conformity requirements for PM-10 and PM-2.5 for the Pinal County nonattainment areas. On February 5, 2016, a 30-day agency and public review period began on the conformity assessment and amendment. Comments are requested by March 23, 2016. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5F. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including Arterial Life Cycle Program projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Recommend approval of the new Finding of Conformity for the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, as amended.

5F. Consultation.

## ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

6. MAG Freight Plan and FAST Act Freight Program Update

In December of 2015, MAG staff initiated the MAG Freight Plan that focuses on evaluating the area's transportation system to enhance the movement of goods, and improve access to and from major industrial clusters, all of which will increase economic development potential for the area. In addition to transportation infrastructure, regional land use decisions affect the growth in and around the existing industrial clusters. Just as commercial vehicles and passenger vehicles compete for limited space on the region's infrastructure, industrial developments must contend with commercial and residential projects. It is critical to plan the industrial clusters from a transportation, economic development and neighborhood cohesion perspective to make sure the industrial developments are compatible with the surrounding environment and are still able to attract new customers and continue to drive the local and regional economy. The study will identify critical urban freight corridors included in the guidance from the U.S. Department of Transportation based on the enacted Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).

7. USDOT TIGER(Round 8) and FASTLANE Grants - FFY 2016

On February 23, 2016, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the eighth round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant funding. A total of \$500 million is available through a multimodal, merit-based, competitive grant program. Nationally, there is a set aside of \$100 million for rural areas, with the remaining \$400 million for projects in urban areas. Applications must be submitted by April 29, 2016. Additionally, on February 26, 2016, a NOFO was issued for the new Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of

6. Information and discussion.

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National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant to fund critical freight and highway projects across the country. Nationally, a total of \$800 million is available for FASTLANE, a merit-based, competitive grant program for federal fiscal year 2016, with 25 percent reserved for rural projects, and 10 percent for smaller projects. Applications must be submitted by April 14, 2016. MAG staff will discuss the previous approach to TIGER funding and how to proceed with supporting TIGER projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. City of Phoenix Funding Agreement

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has negotiated a construction agreement with Connect 202 Partners to construct and maintain the 22-mile South Mountain Freeway. Unlike other new freeway corridors, which involved multiple construction projects over a number of years, the South Mountain facility will be constructed at one time and is planned to be open to traffic by the end of 2019. Close coordination between ADOT and Phoenix is essential to acquire and clear the necessary rights-of-way and to construct the freeway on an accelerated basis. Due to significant staffing constraints in Phoenix and the large amount of work that needs to be done on the part of Phoenix, the city has requested funding support to hire a Plan Review Coordinator and a Civil Engineer III, who will be dedicated to the activities related to the development of the South Mountain Freeway. It is proposed that the City and MAG enter into a funding agreement through which funding from the South Mountain Freeway project budget can be provided to the City to fund these positions. The funding would not exceed \$350,000 per year for a period of two years, with an option to extend the agreement for two additional one-year periods if necessary.

9. Ozone Boundary Designations

On October 26, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a final rule to strengthen the federal eight-hour ozone standard

8. Information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval that MAG enter into a funding agreement to provide for two positions in Phoenix to coordinate activities related to the South Mountain Freeway for an amount not exceed \$350,000 per year for a period of two years, with an option to extend the agreement for two additional one-year periods if necessary.

9. Information and discussion.

from 0.075 to 0.070 parts per million. By October 1, 2016, states are required to submit designation recommendations for nonattainment/attainment to EPA. In order to meet this deadline, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality will have draft recommendations for public review between May and June 2016. On February 23, 2016, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality conducted two stakeholder meetings on the Ozone Boundary Designations and the preliminary data collected to date. Based upon the 2013-2015 air quality monitoring data, it appears that there are exceedances of the new standard in the counties of Maricopa, Pinal, Gila, and Yuma. By October 1, 2017, EPA anticipates finalizing the designations, classifications, and attainment dates based upon the ozone levels in the area (Marginal-Extreme).

10. Development of the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the first draft of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 "MAG Programs in Brief" and the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represent the development of the budget document to date. The elements of the budget document are about 60 percent complete. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

12. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information, discussion, and possible action.

12. Information.

13. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

13. Information.